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HARRINGTON, MICHAEL

get Common Cause

conference included ANDREW BUTLEY, former national chairman of the Young Socialist Alliance; MALIK KILIAN, current boss of YSA; and RALPH DIXON, a leader of the Socialist Workers Party.

The Trotskyites view the "racism" issue as an important recruiting tool for their brand of Communism. As a continuation of this recruiting effort, the Student Conference called for demonstrations to be held in Boston on May 17. Massachusetts subscribers to THE PINK SHEET should be alert to these plans.

#### NEWS BRIEFS ON THE LEFT

-- "Hearts and Minds," a motion picture currently making the rounds of the nation's theaters, is anti-Vietnam propaganda. The director and co-producer is PETER DAVIS who has on his record the slanted TV specials "Hunger in America" and "The Selling of the Pentagon." "Hearts and Minds" also follows the "documentary" style, emphasizing all of the negatives stemming from U.S. involvement and none of the positives. In the words of PINK SHEET Associate Editor Max Friedman, "This film is a professional hatchet job."

-- Congressman MICHAEL HARRINGTON has filed another lawsuit to serve the left-wing cause. Last issue, I told you of a lawsuit he'd filed to "get" the CIA. Since then I've learned that he's joined ROBERT DRINAN and 19 other far-left members of Congress in seeking court assistance to end U.S. aid to Cambodia. Helping to file the lawsuit was the "Center for Constitutional Rights," a New York nest of radical, National Lawyers Guild-type lawyers (see last Issue).

-- Common Cause, the liberal -- and hypocritical -- "public interest" group has jumped into the "get the CIA" assault by requesting access to the report on CIA domestic surveillance prepared for President FORD.

-- The Washington Post has joined in the assault on the Senate Internal Security Committee by writing a nasty piece on JAY SOURWINE, staff director of the internal security arm. Post writer STEPHEN ISAACS referred to SOURWINE as a "veteran Communist hunter" and wrote that the testimony of SOURWINE "was reminiscent of SOURWINE's late ally Senator JOSEPH McCARTHY and Communist hunters of old." Now if I ever thought the Post would stoop to such a low deed, I might suggest that the reference to McCARTHY was intended to impart guilt by association.

-- Yale University has hired Maoist revolutionary H. BRUCE FRANKLIN (see Issue #30) to be visiting professor of (Anti-?) American Studies. How once-proud Yale has fallen!

-- It comes as no surprise that radical journalist I. F. STONE has called for the abolition of the CIA. In a California talk given in late February, STONE said that "Intelligence activity by and large supplies melodramatic nonsense. It's a business that attracts kooks and demands paranoia, and paranoia isn't a very good way of understanding the world." It's funny that STONE should mention "kooks," for he himself certainly sounds like one!

-- The leadership of the pro-communist American Indian Movement was involved in the week-long occupation (which ended on March 3) of a Fairchild camera plant located on a New Mexico Navajo Indian reservation. The radical Indians left the factory under pressure from Navajos who wanted to return to work.

-- The New American Movement (see Issue #15) is sponsoring a "Socialist School" in Oakland, California. Courses range from 20th Century European Marxism to Workplace Organizing.

-- The Press Counselor for the USSR Embassy in Washington recently wrote a letter